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Additional information for indicators for which EHIS is preferred (interim) source

This documentation sheet is designed to match the questionnaire of the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) as it was used in EHIS wave 1. For EHIS wave II, which is envisaged to take place in 2014, the questionnaire is being revised. Therefore, questions underlying ECHI indicators may have changed in wave II compared to wave I, with possible consequences for the adequacy of the current documentation sheet. The ECHIM Core Group recommends that the consequences of this revision, once finalized, will be processed in the documentation sheets for the affected ECHI indicators. Subsequent changes in the documentation sheets will relate to the indicators' definition and calculation.

Most of the ECHI shortlist indicators, for which EHIS data have been appointed as preferred (interim) source, have been placed in the implementation section of the 2012 version of the shortlist. This does not apply to indicators 37. General musculoskeletal pain, 38. Psychological distress and 39. Psychological well-being, however. These indicators are placed in the development section. The reason for this is that in preliminary versions of the revised EHIS questionnaire the questions underlying these indicators were removed. Hence, EHIS wave II will not result in data for these indicators.

The outcomes of the assessment of the results of EHIS wave II may have consequences for assigned status of the ECHI indicators (implementation section, work-in-progress section, development section). This relates for example to the performance of the new instruments applied in wave II for alcohol use, physical activity and mental health; if they do not perform adequately, shifting the related indicators to the work-in-progress section needs to be considered. Like the changes in definitions and calculations due to the revised questionnaire, such changes in indicator status also need to be processed in the relevant documentation sheets.

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ECHIM Indicator name	D) Health interventions: health services57. Influenza vaccination rate in elderly
Relevant policy areas	 Healthy ageing, ageing population Health system performance, quality of care, efficiency of care, patient safety Health threats, communicable diseases (Preventable) Burden of Disease (BoD)
Definition	Proportion of elderly individuals reporting to have received one shot of influenza vaccine during the last 12 months.
Calculation	Percentage of persons aged 65 and older reporting to have been vaccinated against influenza (brand name of vaccine to be verified in each country) during the last 12 months, derived from EHIS questions PA.1, PA.2 and PA.3. PA.1: Have you ever been vaccinated against flu? 1. Yes / 2. No; PA.2: When were you last time vaccinated against flu? 1. Since the beginning of this year / 2. Last year / 3. Before last year PA.3: Can I just check, what month was that? Month (01-12). EHIS data will not be age standardized.
Relevant dimensions and subgroups	 Country Calendar year Sex Age group (65+) Socio-economic status (educational level. ISCED 3 aggregated groups: 0-2; 3+4; 5+6)
Preferred data type and data source	Preferred data type: HIS Preferred source: Eurostat (EHIS)

Compared to previous version documentation sheet (03-06-2010) the following issues were adapted: - New section on relevant policy areas added to the documentation sheet

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Data availability	BE, BG, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FR, IT, CY, LV, HU, MT, AT, PL, RO, SI, SK, CH, NO and TR conducted a first wave of EHIS between 2006 and 2010. It is noted that not in all of these countries a full scale survey was carried out; in some only specific modules were applied, in others the full questionnaire was applied in a small pilot sample. It is expected that all EU Member States will conduct EHIS in the second wave, which is planned for 2014. The results of the first wave are expected to be published in two stages, 11 countries in October 2010, the remaining countries in April 2011. EHIS data are available by sex, 8 age groups (15-24/25-34/35-44/45-54/55-64/65-74/75-84/85+) and ISCED groups.
Data periodicity	EHIS will be conducted once every 5 years. The first wave took place in 2007/2010 (with some derogations in 2006) and the second wave is planned for 2014.
Rationale	Influenza vaccination in elderly is important for reducing the disease burden of influenza, including mortality.
Remarks	 This indicator is also one of the OECD Health Care Quality Indicators, and one of the Health and Long Term Care Indictors of the Social Protection Committee. According to current plans, Eurostat will probably not age-standardize EHIS data. For comparability reasons ECHIM would however prefer age-standardized data. A recall period of 12 months is used to cover one influenza season. The number of people called to receive a vaccination within a vaccination programme will differ from the number of people actually getting a vaccination. People may refuse to be vaccinated or may be unable/not fit enough to receive a vaccination. The above definition and calculation are based on the first version of the EHIS questionnaire, as used in the first EHIS wave (2007/2010). The EHIS questionnaire will be revised, hence adaptations to the EHIS question underlying this indicator may occur in the second wave (planned for 2014). The legal basis for EHIS is regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work. This is an umbrella regulation. Specific implementing acts will define the details of the statistics Member States have to deliver to Eurostat. An implementing act on EHIS is expected to come into force in 2014.
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Work to do	- Monitor EHIS/Eurostat developments